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Rule 31 Continuing Mediation Education Accreditation Request Form

Provider Name: Tennessee Association of Professional Mediators

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Course Title: “Mediation or Hobby? How to Become a ‘Professional Mediator’ in Tennessee”

Date(s) Held: October 9 2015

Location(s): Private Dispute Resolution Services

1000 Market St. Chattanooga, TN 37402

Fee for Members/Non-Members: 25.00/25.00

Does this course have CLE Commission Approval? Pending

Session Description	Type of Credit Requested (General Continuing Education, General Mediation Issues, Mediation Ethics, or Family Law)	Start Time	End Time	Credit Approval (Office Use Only)
Introduction to Mediation Professionalism—individual instruction addressing issues covered in Rule 31 sections 4, 9, 10, 14, 17, 18—see attachment for more details	General Mediation Issues	11:30 a.m.	12 p.m.	.50 Hour General Mediation Issues
Panel Discussion expanding on information covered in the first section, adding guidance from individual experiences and successes		12 p.m.	1 p.m.	1.0 Hour General Mediation Issues

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Total Approved CME: 1.5 Hours
 Date Approved: August 31, 2015

Description of CME Program for approval:

Title: “Mediation or Hobby? How to Become a ‘Professional Mediator’ in Tennessee”

Method of Instruction: Combination of lecture and panel discussion with a question and answer period

Length: 1-1/2 hours

This presentation will explore how the “Selection of Neutrals” process under Section 4 of Rule 31, as well as the selection process for non-Rule 31 mediations determines which mediators are chosen for assignments. There will also be a discussion of qualifications for different types of mediations, as noted under Section 9 “Standards of Professional Conduct” and under Section 14 “Qualification and Training of Neutrals” and under Section 17 “Rule 31 Mediators”—minimum qualifications. The effect of continuing education under Section 18 “Additional Obligations of Rule 31 Mediators” on qualification and professionalism will also be discussed.

Developing relationships for mediation referrals will be considered in the context of Section 10 “Obligations of Rule 31 Neutrals”—specifically the requirements of neutrality and disclosure of relationships to parties and counsel.

The presentation will include a statistical analysis of mediation activities in Tennessee—taken from ADRC records as well as other sources. It will examine the minimum requirements for training for a mediation career as well as options for additional training or other preparation for specific types of careers. It will review the options available to use mediation training in a full-time career in Tennessee.

The panelists will explore definitions of professionalism in a mediation career. They will also discuss measures of career “success”. They will provide information regarding how to begin a mediation career and make suggestions concerning development of a professional career. They will forecast the growth of mediation and identify areas where mediation is most needed. They will discuss skill building for mediators and resources that may help with professional development.

Fast Stats: There were 5,606 (Rule 31) mediations reported for 2013. Of those, 3,542 (63.2%) had all issues resolved; 521 (9.3%) had issues that were partially resolved; and 1,542 (27.5%) had no issues resolved. There were 350 pro bono mediations plus 4 additional court ordered pro bono mediations conducted in 2013.